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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6121**

**Pai Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S6121**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6153.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 3,196 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### SEC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### FTC STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal Trade Commission stakeholder perspectives, focusing on reform proposals to improve fairness, innovation, and consumer welfare, after receiving testimony from William MacLeod, Kelley Drye and Warren LLP, Lydia Parnes, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati PC, Jessica Rich, Consumer Reports, and Berin Szoka, TechFreedom, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bruce J. Walker, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), and Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Fossil Energy), both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Justin Hicks Siberell, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and A. Wess Mitchell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (European and Eurasian Affairs), all of the Department of State, and J. Steven Dowd, of Florida,

to be United States Director of the African Development Bank.

## SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND FOREIGN POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine managing security assistance to support foreign policy, after receiving testimony from Tina S. Kaidanow, Acting Assistant Secretary of State; and Todd Harvey, Acting Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities, and Lieutenant General Charles W. Hooper, USA, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

## SPECIAL COUNSELS AND THE SEPARATION OF POWERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a to examine special counsels and the separation of pow-

ers, including S. 1735, to limit the removal of a special counsel, and S. 1741, to ensure independent investigations by allowing judicial review of the removal of a special counsel, after receiving testimony from Akhil Reed Amar, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; Eric A. Posner, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois; Stephen I. Vladeck, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; and John F. Duffy, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 3829–3844; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80; and H. Res. 537 and 539–540 were introduced. **Pages H7532–33**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7533–35**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3229, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–332); and

H. Res. 538, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3823) to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to provide disaster tax relief, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–333). **Page H7532**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Brat to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7489**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7496**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. William Lynn Nash, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Mangham, Louisiana.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 199 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 534. **Pages H7497, H7505–06**

**Motion to Fix Next Convening Time:** Agreed by voice vote to the Burgess motion that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. tomorrow, September 27. **Pages H7503–04**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m. **Page H7514**

**Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act:** The House passed H.R. 2824, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 537. **Pages H7506–14, H7514–17**

Rejected the DelBene motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 536. **Pages H7515–17**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–33 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the